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by the influx of brackish water. To prevent such damages to the crops, the Member suggested that the breaches in the bund extending from the Thottapally lock to Kunnalipalom on the east, and to the western extremity on the other side, should be arranged to be closed properly in time. He also pointed out that sowing in the *punja* fields began by the end of the month of Vrischikam. So, from the 15th Vrischikam, the Thottapally lock must be opened. Before that time, all the breaches must be shut, to prevent the influx of brackish water.

Dewan's reply.—The proposals of the Member will be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

115. Improvement of the canals etc.

Mr. P. J. John (Member, Alleppey T. I. C.) requested that the following works might be carried out:—

(1) The extension of the Wada canal roads on either side up to the entrance to the Cochin canal.

(2) Connecting the southern side road to the main canal road of Chengannoor.

(3) The opening of the small canal leading to the Vattakayal from the Pallathurithi river.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

IV. PADMANABHAPURAM DIVISION.

TOVALA TALUK.

116. Reservation of land for fuel, manure leaves, and agricultural implements, etc.

Messrs. M. Sivathanoo Pillai and T. Madhavan Pillai (Members, Tovala Taluk) represented that all lands within a radius of one mile from inhabited and registered areas should be excluded from the Reserved Forests bordering on the Tovala taluk, for the free supply of fuel, manure leaves, agricultural implements, etc., or that free passes should be issued empowering the ryots to take the above articles from the Reserved Forests.

Dewan's reply.—The allegations of the ryots of the Tovala taluk, in regard to the difficulty of procuring agricultural implements and manure leaves, will be enquired into. A joint report from the Conservator of Forests and the Peishkar of the Division will be called for.

117. Opening of a hospital at Alagiapandiapuram

Mr. T. Madhavan Pillai (Member, Tovala Taluk) said that Tovala was a mountainous taluk and as such people were suffering from many kinds of disease. Therefore the necessity of a hospital in the taluk was keenly felt by the people. In connection with the Tovala Channel Works, there was a temporary hospital established at Thatikaramkonom. People were much benefited by it. Now that has been shifted to Sitapal. Therefore the Member requested

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